

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 1-11 stand unchanged and remain pending in this application.

I. Rejection of Claim 12 under Section 10(b)

Claims 12 stands rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Short (U.S. 5,135,257). Applicant has canceled claim 12 thereby rendering this rejection now moot.

II. Allowability of Claims 1-11

Claims 1-11 have been allowed.

III. Conclusion

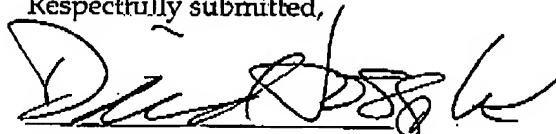
In view of the cancellation of rejected claim 12, allowable claims 1-11 remain pending in this application. As a result, this application is now in condition for allowance. Allowance of Claims 1-11 at an early date is solicited.

If an extension of time is required for timely submission of this response, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time and the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-0900 for the appropriate additional fees in connection with the filing of this response.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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